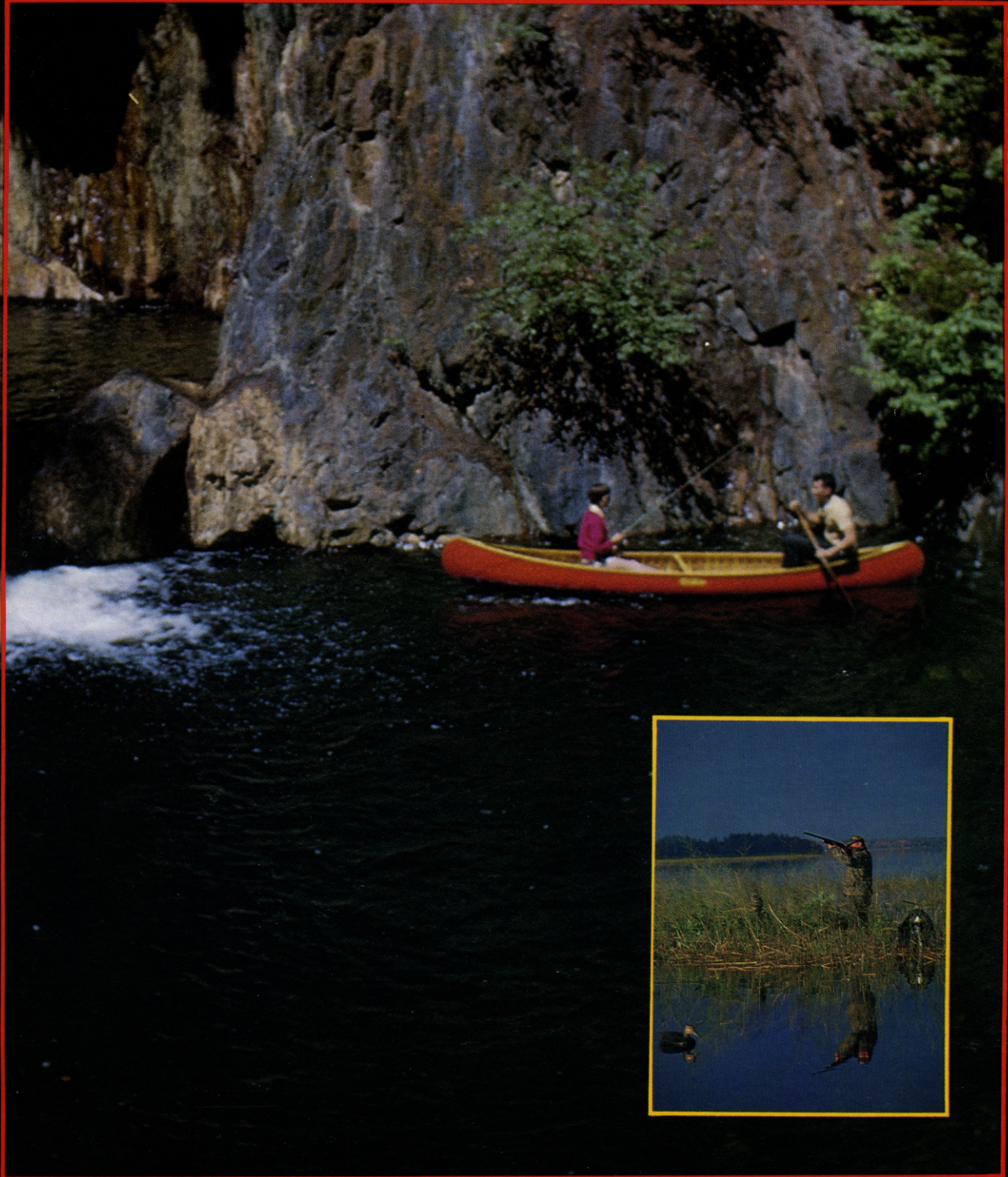


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Dear Traveler,

If you've yet to discover Maine's magnificent opportunities for the outdoor sportsman, the next 30 pages will offer some welcome surprises.

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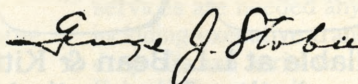
The two maps on pages 7 and 11 will list the 1985 deer kill and show you the various fishing regions that have been determined by The Department of Fish & Wildlife. These regions will each carry specific laws and limits. You can find all of that information in the laws & regulations manual that is provided when you purchase a license.

The articles on the following pages will describe the wide variety of big game, small game, fresh and saltwater fish that abound in Maine. You will also find tips on where to find your prey and the best methods to use if you want to bring home your trophy.

Finally, the latter pages are filled with information on where to stay and eat while you're in Maine, as well as how to contact guides, fly-in services and equipment vendors who will make your trip comfortable and complete.

We wish to welcome you to Maine and hope this guide will aid you as it has thousands of sportsmen in the past.

Sincerely,



George Stobie
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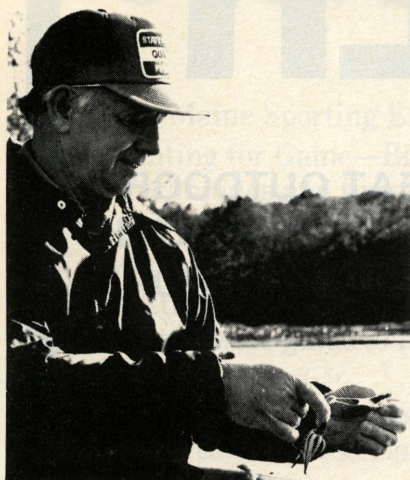


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Dear Sportsmen,

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If you are considering a hunting or fishing trip in Maine, or have already decided to bring your outdoor pursuits to the Pine Tree State, it is my hope that this booklet will help you to plan, and fulfill, your Maine outdoors experience. In addition, you should arm yourself with another publication: the appropriate regulations book, which details the general laws and regulations governing hunting and fishing.

Companionship, recreation, nature study, self-testing, freedom, anticipation and recollections—all are important to hunters and fishermen. I believe it is people who appreciate these intangibles the most—those who immensely enjoy a hunting or fishing experience even if they don't return with trophies or game to eat—who best represent the ideals of sportsmanship.

Welcome to the Maine outdoors. If any representatives of the Fish & Wildlife Department can help, including members of our famous Maine Warden Service, please don't hesitate to ask. We're here to serve you.

Thank you for choosing the Pine Tree State. And good luck!

Sincerely,

Glenn H. Manuel
Commissioner



The Maine Sporting Experience

by David R. Getchell, Sr.

Maine is tucked off by itself in relation to other states in the union, and has thus managed to retain unspoiled hunting and fishing territory of high quality. But while wildlife and fish are plentiful here, timing is the real key to success.

For example, freshwater fishing for cold-water species like brook trout and landlocked salmon is best in May, June, and September. Bass, pickerel, and perch, the warm-water species, are active during the summer months. And while big game (deer, bear, and moose) hunting is strictly an autumn sport, the seasons for some small game, birds, and ducks extend into the winter or year round.

This guide will provide you with answers to many of your questions about hunting and fishing in the state, but the details and rules involved are best gleaned from the official rules and regulations pamphlets provided by the Maine Department of Fish & Wildlife, 284 State St., Station #41, Augusta, ME 04330. Our advice is: Don't hunt or fish *at all* without first checking the rulebook.

Newcomers to Maine can speed their success by chatting with knowledgeable sporting camp owners, innkeepers, and the personnel at outdoor sporting shops, or by hiring a Registered Maine Guide. Some Guides work directly with the various sporting camps, so be sure to ask about hiring one when you make your lodgings reservations. You can also hire a Guide directly. Most will provide a boat and

motor, and basic camping gear, as well as extensive knowledge bred of years of exploration in their region. For more information, contact the Maine Professional Guides Association, PO Box 205, Medway, ME 04400.

If you want to camp during your stay, there are dozens of private campgrounds, several state parks, and scores of free campsites maintained by the Maine Forest Service on the state's lakes and ponds.

If you plan a trip to northern Maine, be advised that the great roadless “wilderness” that appears on road maps is neither roadless nor a real wilderness. Rather, it is a vast forest farm, laced with gravel roads, lumber camps, and road gates. Much of this country is available for public use, but be prepared for questions about your travel plans and to pay modest gate fees at checkpoints throughout this domain. For further information, write North Maine Woods, PO Box 382, Ashland, ME 04732.

Elsewhere in the state, most shoreland and woods are privately owned. Though some of this land is posted against trespassing, much is not. The Maine Department of Fisheries & Wildlife advises: “It is unlawful to trespass on private property after having been advised not to do so by the property owner *either* by word of mouth or by conspicuously posted signs. The department encourages sportsmen to seek owner permission *before entering* upon private property.” Good advice for all of us to follow, if we want Maine's extensive private lands to remain open to the public for hunting and fishing. ■

Hunting for Game— Big and Small

by David R. Getchell, Sr.

Big Game

The outlook for big game hunting in Maine during 1986-87 continues to be good. Stocks of black bear and moose are high, and deer numbers are improving under a statewide management program helped by recent mild winters.

The 1986 deer season will run from Nov. 3 through 28, with Nov. 1 being set aside for Maine residents only. The special archery season opens after the regular deer season, and will run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 6.

A new permit system will be in effect for deer hunting this fall. It establishes a statewide bucks-only hunting season for four weeks in November for all hunters. However, anyone holding a current hunting license may apply for an Any-Deer Permit in any one of 16 management districts. If selected to receive a permit they can then take either a buck or doe deer in that district, or they can hunt for bucks-only anywhere in the state. The yearly limit remains one deer per hunter, regardless of the animal's sex or the season in which it is taken.

Application blanks for Any-Deer Permits were available throughout the state after July 1 with the period due to close August 29. There is no fee for the application or the permit. A public drawing to select permittees was to be held in mid-September and winners notified about Oct. 1.

Nonresident hunters who held a 1985 license to hunt deer in Maine receive an Any-Deer application by direct mail from the Maine Department of Fish & Wildlife with no request needed. Other nonresident hunters may request one by writing to the department's Augusta office (Station 41, Augusta, ME 04330).

District 17, containing parts of coastal Hancock and Washington counties, will not have any permits allocated to it in 1986 due to concerns about the low deer population in that area. All hunters will be



restricted to bucks-only hunting in that area.

Research has shown that bear numbers are higher than was previously believed, with the total population in excess of 18,000. In 1985, more than 1,350 bear were taken, the majority of which were trapped or shot in the northern part of Maine. Baiting techniques account for most animals taken in the first half of the season, while deer hunters take many bears in November.

The moose season has been set for the

week of Oct. 20-25. Maine moose are hunted under a permit system based on a lottery conducted each spring. Nine hundred permits go to Maine residents and 100 to nonresident hunters. Despite the long odds, some 10,000 out-of-state hopefuls participate in the lottery each year hoping to get the privilege to hunt the state's largest animal. Recent counts have shown that the northern Maine moose population of more than 18,000 works out to a density of three animals per square mile — among the highest in North America.

Small Game

Rabbits, gray squirrels, raccoons, and other small game flourish in the state's fields and forests, but hunting for them is quite light. This is good news for the small-game hunter, for it means little competition during the relatively long seasons (as much as six months for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares).

Rabbits and raccoons are found statewide; the former are common in the hedgerows and softwood growth in the south, and in the evergreen thickets in the north country. Raccoons are one of only two Maine animals that can be hunted at night, the other being the coyote. A special night season has been set for coyotes in January, February, and March, check the rule book for details. Otherwise, there is no closed season on coyotes.

A two-month season on gray squirrels provides plenty of opportunity for hunters seeking these elusive animals. Grays are plentiful in the hardwood forests of southern Maine, especially in stands of beech and oak. Note that it is strictly illegal to hunt squirrels in parks, or the built-up areas of towns and cities.

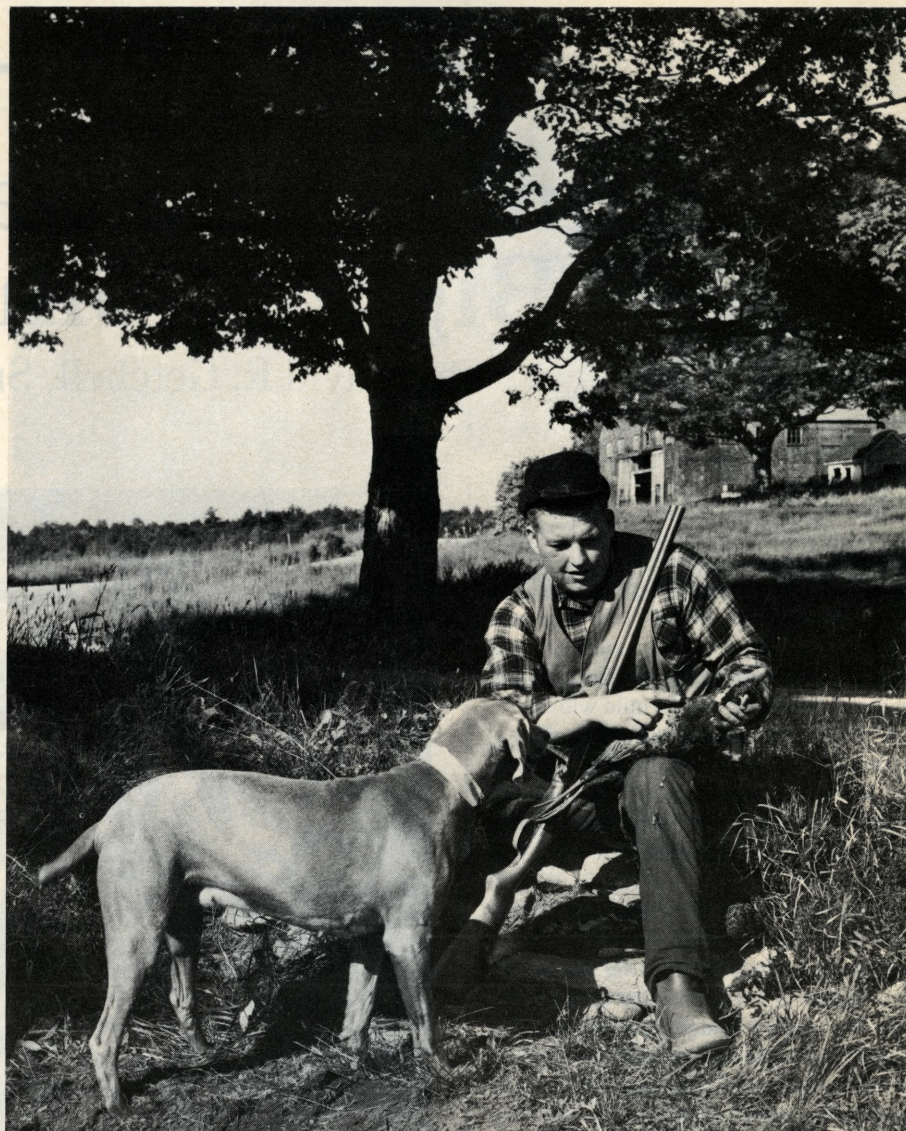
Woodchucks, porcupines, and red squirrels may be hunted year round.

Birds and Ducks

Partridge (ruffed grouse) and woodcock are the principal upland gamebirds in Maine. There are a few pheasants in the southern part of the state and there is a very limited spring season for wild turkey in York County based on a permit system.

Grouse-hunting methods differ considerably between the northern and southern areas. The traditional method, shooting over a dog, is most commonly used in the south. By contrast, most partridge taken in the north are found by hunters walking the woods roads. Most drive along these roads until birds are spotted, then get out of their vehicle, load up, and hunt the area on foot. State law (and common sense) rules against carrying a loaded gun in a vehicle, and it is *always* illegal to actually hunt from a vehicle or from a paved road. Sunday hunting is also forbidden in Maine.

Woodcock are considered migratory birds, and thus come under both federal and state jurisdiction. Because stocks are down in the flyway, the federal government has set a daily limit of three birds in Maine with the season running from Oct. 1 to Nov. 14. Pheasants are no longer common in Maine, and a special stamp is required should you wish to hunt for them.



1986 Maine Hunting Seasons

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See hunting regulations booklet for full details.

	First Day	Last Day
Deer: Firearms season	Nov. 3	Nov. 29
Maine Resident only day	Nov. 1	
Archery	Oct. 1	Oct. 31
Muzzleloader	Dec. 1	Dec. 6
Bear	Sept. 1	Nov. 30
Moose (by special permit only)	Oct. 20	Oct. 25
Ruffed Grouse (wildlife management units 1 & 2)	Oct. 1	Nov. 30
Ruffed Grouse (wildlife management units 3-8)	Oct. 1	Dec. 10
Pheasant (wildlife management units 1 & 2)	Oct. 1	Nov. 30
Pheasant (wildlife management units 3-8)	Oct. 1	Dec. 10
Woodcock	Oct. 1	Nov. 14

Hunting laws and season dates for small game may be obtained from the Department of Fish and Wildlife or through the Maine hunting regulations pamphlet that is available at all license dealers and through your local Maine Game warden.

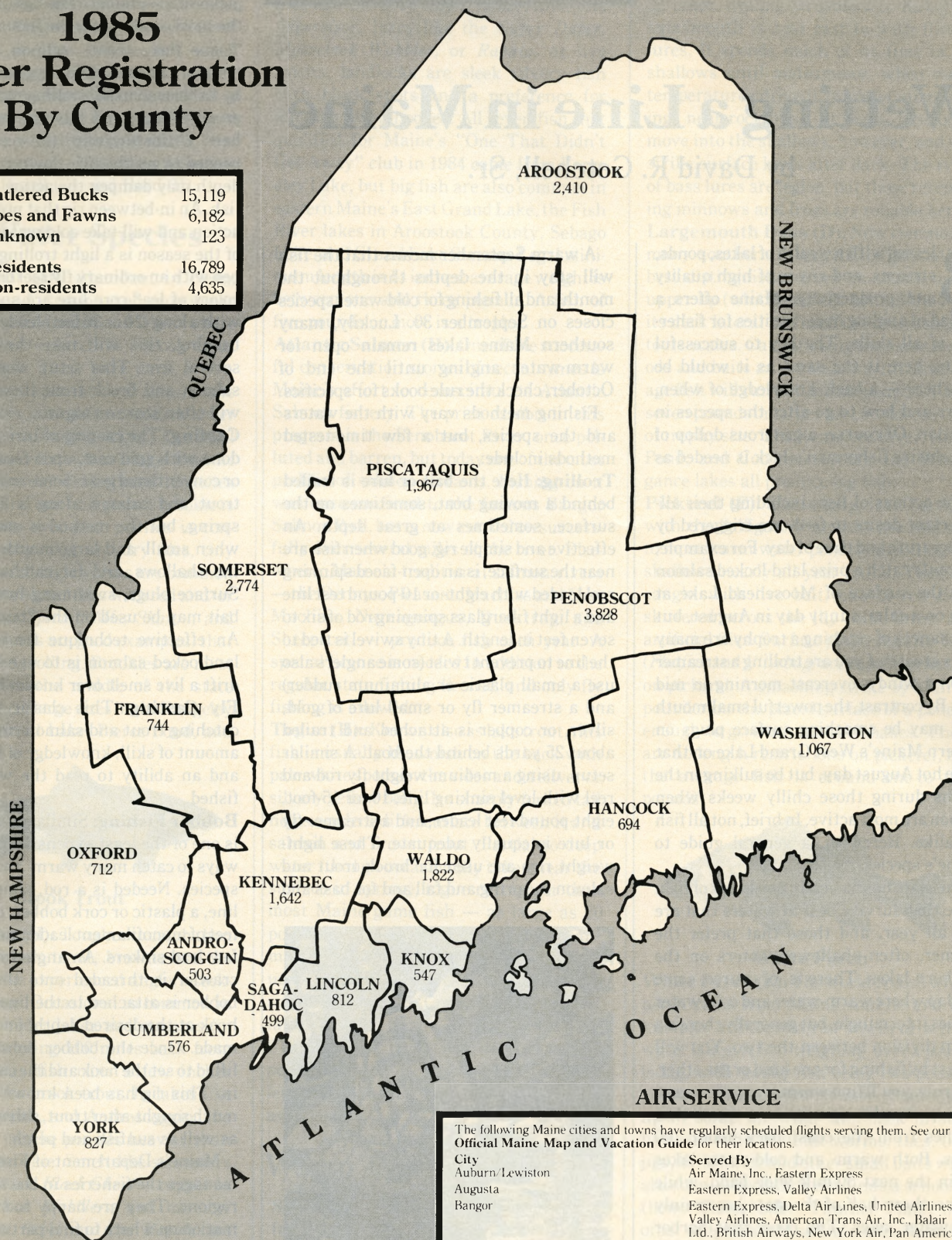
*Please be sure to confirm 1986 laws and limits before you go hunting.

Duck hunting seasons are also based on federal and state regulations. The special rulebook pertaining to species and seasons is issued in September. A state duck stamp *and* a federal one, in addition to the regular state hunting license, are required.

The black duck situation remains very critical in the northeast, so hunting for this popular duck is strictly limited. Wood duck have taken on some of the pressure which used to be on the black duck, but Maine populations in general are down. Many hunters are thus turning away from marsh ducks and concentrating instead on Canada geese and sea ducks, both of which are in good supply. Seasons for both are long and limits are quite liberal. However, hunting for both species of birds requires special techniques. This usually includes boating on the ocean during a stormy time of year, which can be hazardous to the uninitiated. Anyone seeking good sport their first time out should take along a Maine Guide or an experienced friend. ■

1985 Deer Registration By County

Antlered Bucks	15,119
Does and Fawns	6,182
Unknown	123
Residents	16,789
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Wetting a Line in Maine

by David R. Getchell, Sr.

Blessed with a wealth of lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers of high quality and productivity, Maine offers a myriad of angling opportunities for fishermen of all skills. The key to successful fishing here is the same as it would be anywhere — a basic knowledge of when, where and how to go after the species in question. Of course, a generous dollop of that elusive fisherman's luck is needed as well.

The actions of fish, including their all-important desire to feed, are triggered by temperature and time of day. For example, you *could* catch a prize land-locked salmon near the surface of Moosehead Lake at noon on a calm, sunny day in August, but the chances of catching a trophy are many times greater if you are trolling a streamer fly on a windy, overcast morning in mid May. By contrast, the powerful smallmouth bass may be smashing surface plugs on eastern Maine's West Grand Lake on that same hot August day, but be sulking in the depths during those chilly weeks when salmon are most active. In brief, not all fish act alike. Herewith, a general guide to Maine's species.

The state has basically two kinds of fish: those that survive best in waters that are cold all year, and those that prefer the warmer, often shallower waters on the southern lakes. There is, of course, some overlap where warm-water and cold-water species intermingle, but generally there's a sharp division between the two. You will do best by fishing for one kind or the other. As a rule, you'll find warm-water lakes and their particular species in a band that reaches from the coast back about 100 miles. Both warm- and cold-water lakes are in the next 50-mile-wide band, while the northern half of the state has mainly cold-water lakes. The lakes that harbor both warm- and cold-water species will have the cold-water fish near their surface in spring and fall, and in the cold depths during summer. In the warm months, the warm-water species can be found in the shallows and medium depths. A note of interest: fall fishing for cold-water species is much more chancy than spring fishing.

A warm September means that the fish will stay in the depths throughout the month, and all fishing for cold-water species closes on September 30. Luckily, many southern Maine lakes remain open for warm-water angling until the end of October, check the rule books for specifics.

Fishing methods vary with the waters and the species, but a few time-tested methods include:

Trolling: Here the bait or lure is trailed behind a moving boat, sometimes on the surface, sometimes at great depth. An effective and simple rig, good when fish are near the surface, is an open-faced spinning reel loaded with eight- or 10-pound test line and a light fiberglass spinning rod of six to seven feet in length. A tiny swivel is tied to the line to prevent twist (some anglers also use a small plastic or aluminum rudder) and a streamer fly or small lure of gold, silver, or copper is attached and trailed about 25 yards behind the boat. A similar setup, using a medium-weight fly rod and reel with level sinking line, 10- or 15-foot, eight-pound test leader, and a streamer fly or lure is equally adequate. These light-weight rigs are used for brook trout and salmon in spring and fall and for bass and

pickerel in summer. The light rods assure the most action from the fish.

Togue (lake trout), salmon, and brook trout are taken with deep gear in summer by fishermen using trolling rods, lead-core or wire lines, and flashing lures or live bait. Unfortunately, the extra weight needed to get the lure down to the proper depth may dampen the action of a hooked fish. An in-between rig that preserves that action and will take cold-water fish much of the season is a light trolling rod, equipped with an ordinary fly reel on which five colors of lead-core line are spooled. Used with a long (20 or 30 feet) leader and ample backing, this will take the lure down several feet. This setup works well on salmon and brook trout in summer and will often score on togue.

Casting: The casting of lures and bait is done with spin-cast, open-faced spinning, or conventional gear. Some anglers cast for trout and salmon along a shoreline in spring, but the method is more effective when small- and large-mouth bass are in the shallows, and for catching pickerel. Surface plugs, swimming lures, and live bait may be used on the "business end". An effective technique for early-season landlocked salmon is to use this gear to drift a live smelt over known hot-spots.

Fly Casting: This classic method for catching trout and salmon calls for a fair amount of skill, knowledge of fish habitat, and an ability to read the waters being fished.

Bobber Fishing: Similar to casting, this is one of the least expensive and simplest ways to catch many warm- and cold-water species. Needed is a rod, simple reel and line, a plastic or cork bobber, hooks, a few feet of monofilament leader, and perhaps a few lead sinkers. An angleworm or night crawler is threaded onto the hook, the bobber is attached to the line to hold the hook at the desired depth, and the cast is made. Once the bobber bobs, the rod is lifted to set the hook and the catch is reeled in. This rig has been known to bring in much sought-after trout, salmon, and bass as well as sunfish and perch.

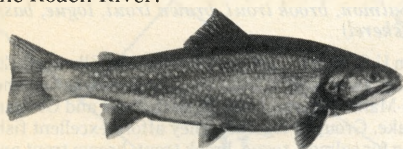
Maine's Department of Fish & Wildlife manages the fisheries in the state's seven regions. They are happy to supply information on where to find particular species within those regions, and their excellent Lake Survey sheets detail the presence and amount of game fish in a lake, as well as bait fish types, water depths, and the location of boat ramps. A catalog of these surveys is available from the department at 284 State St., Station #41, Augusta, ME 04330.



Following is a list of Maine's principal freshwater species, together with brief information on how, where, and when they can be caught. The letter in parentheses indicates how difficult each is to catch, but is only a guide. As any fisherman knows, sometimes you catch 'em, sometimes you don't. The letters designate Easy (E), Difficult (D), and Hard (H).

Cold-Water Species

Brook Trout (D): Abundant in clean, cold brooks and streams, and growing to large sizes in some ponds and lakes (where they are called squaretails), brook trout are lovely fish. They have dark, wavy-green backs, red spots on their sides, white or silver bellies, and pink or reddish lower fins with white leading edges. The legal minimum size is six inches (longer in some water), most run between six and 12 inches long. A two- and one-half pound brookie is a big fish, one over four pounds is considered a trophy. Wet and dry flies, tiny metal lures, and angleworms are common baits, as are streamer flies with red and/or yellow (*Barnes Special*, *Miss Sharon*, and *Mickey Finn* lures are good examples) that are used when trolling. Brookies are most abundant from the middle of the state north, and run to large sizes in the Rangeley lakes, Moosehead Lake, Pierce Pond, and the Roach River.



Brook Trout

Brown Trout (H): Tougher to catch than brook or rainbow trout, browns are the choice for those experienced anglers seeking a challenge. Occasional to common in some of the colder lakes and streams (in the band extending 100 miles back from the coast), this fish runs a few inches longer than the brook trout. In lakes like Branch, Hancock, and Androscoggin, the brown trout can be pounds heavier than the average brookie. Smelt-like streamers — *Grey Ghost* and *Black Ghost* — copper or silver *Mooselook Wobblers*, and minnow lures like the *Rebel* and the *Rapala* are effective.

Landlocked Salmon (D): This close relative to the Atlantic salmon runs smaller than its ocean brother, but is otherwise the same fish. It is common in most of Maine's large lakes, but is notoriously unpredictable in its feeding habits. Taken mostly in spring by surface trollers using streamer

flies like the *Grey Ghost*, *Nine-Three*, and *Supervisor*, lures like the *Super Duper*, *Mooselook Wobbler*, or *Rapala*, or live smelts, landlocks are sleek silvery fish with black spots and a preference for jumping when hooked. All seven fish that qualified for Maine's "One That Didn't Get Away" club in 1984 came from Rangeley Lake, but big fish are also common in eastern Maine's East Grand Lake, the Fish River lakes in Aroostook County, Sebago Lake, and Grand Lake Stream. Legal minimum length is 14 inches, average weight is between one and three pounds. A fish of five pounds or more is a trophy.

Atlantic Salmon (H): One of the successful conservation stories of recent times is Maine's effort to resuscitate its Atlantic Salmon fishery. The prize exhibit in this program is the Penobscot River, once polluted and barren, but today one of the most prolific of salmon streams. Fishing on it was once confined to the famous Bangor Salmon Pool, but is now carried on successfully over several miles of the river. Elsewhere, Maine's traditional salmon rivers — the Dennys, Pleasant, Machias and East Machias, Narraguagus, Ducktrap, and Sheepscot — produce fish each year. A special license is needed in addition to the regular state fishing license, and only fly fishing is allowed.

Togue (H): Known also as lake trout, this fish is usually brownish on the back with pale white spots on the sides and a silver or silvery yellow belly. Its sharply forked tail helps anglers differentiate between it and salmon and brown trout. Partial to deep water (though occasionally taken near the surface in spring), togue run larger than most Maine game fish — as large as 20 pounds. Successful togue fishermen are masters of deep trolling techniques, and use streamer flies, lures, and live bait like suckers and smelt. Common in deep, cold lakes (Tunk, East Grand, Moosehead, Chamberlain), togue are one of the most popular targets of ice fishermen. Minimum length is 18 inches, and three pounds is an average size.

Warm Water Species

Smallmouth Bass (D): Maine is famous for its smallmouth waters, especially in the lakes and ponds "Down East" in Washington County. The fish is common in hundreds of ponds in the southern part of the state, reaching its northern limit in Grand Lake Sebobeis in northern Penobscot County. This hard fighter is brownish or bronze backed with dark vertical bars on its sides and a yellowish belly. While it can

be taken trolling streamers or lures, the smallmouth is best cast to with flies or lures. It spends much of its time in the shallows until midsummer, when warm temperatures drive it to cooler surroundings near rock piles. At night, bass often move into the shallows, however, and will strike surface lures after dark. The types of bass lures are legion, but those resembling minnows and frogs are reliable here.

Largemouth Bass (D): Now common in many southern lakes, the largemouth is best distinguished from its cousin by its upper lip (which extends behind the eye), its dark lateral line, and the greenish cast to its scales. Caught using the same methods and baits as the smallmouth, an average fish will run two to four pounds. Those seven pounds or larger are considered to be of trophy size. The Kennebec River, North Pond, and Cobbosseecontee and Winnegance lakes all produce big fish.

Pickereel (E): These long, lean battlers, with the "alligator" mouths are common to most warm-water ponds, inhabiting the shallows nearly all year round. They are caught with live bait, bits of red cloth skittered across the lily pads, lures, and artificial flies. Surface plugs used for bass (*Flatfish* and *Jitterbug*) are equally effective on pickereel. A smashing strike by a three-pounder on the placid surface of a pond is enough to give anyone the shakes. There are no length restrictions on pickereel, but the average fish is around one to two pounds.



White Perch

White Perch (E): The world-record white perch came from Maine waters, and big humpies are common in scores of warm-water lakes. A fish weighing over a pound is big, with trophy fish being two pounds or more. These little fish more than make up in scrap for what they lack in size, however. They will hit worms, flies, tiny jigs, little lures, and other small baits with abandon, especially if one finds a school of them. China Lake, Panther Pond, and other waters in central and southern Maine have some of the biggest specimens. There is no limit on white perch.

Yellow Perch and Sunfish (E): Angleworms and tiny spinning lures are best for these plentiful fish. Scorned by many, but delicious in the pan, these fighting rascals offer the serious fisherman an excellent chance to practice on willing targets. ■

Maine's Fishing Waters

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THE FISH RIVER REGION (Salmon and trout)

This is one of the outstanding fishing regions not only in Maine but in the entire country as well.

Salmon grow to remarkable size in this area and are taken not only in the lakes but also in the connecting thoroughfares. Trout also are both large and numerous throughout the region. Several of the lakes also contain togue.

The lakes in the Fish River chain proper are Long Lake, Mud Lake, Cross Lake, Square Lake, Eagle Lake, St. Froid Lake and Portage Lake.

Extending down almost into the Moosehead region are almost countless lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that afford fishing that surpasses the fondest dreams of the angler.

In August there is good stream fishing along the Fish River from Eagle Lake to Fort Kent. Both the Aroostook and Machias rivers offer good stream fishing for trout.

Situated far to the north, fish strike well longer in the season than is the case further south. Too, fall fishing begins earlier for the same climatic reason.

Greater numbers of sportsmen are visiting this region each year as word of the good fishing is becoming generally known.

Roads to this region are excellent. Accommodations are comparable to the best in the state. (For location see sec. 1 of fishing map.)

2

THE ALLAGASH REGION (Trout, togue and salmon)

This is a region beloved by many anglers as it entails canoe trips into the wildland region. It taps the Allagash, St. John and East and West Branch of the Penobscot, waters all known as canoeing waters par excellence throughout the world.

Angling opportunities in this region are virtually without number. Passing through this region, the angler fishes a number of different waters each day and so is continually visiting new scenes and meeting new conditions.

Some of the better known fishing spots in the region are at Canada Falls Deadwater on the West Branch; along the West Branch from Seboomook Dam to Pine Stream near Chesuncook Lake; in the streams leading into Allagash Lake, Eagle Lake, Chamberlain Lake, Churchill Lake, Umsaskis Lake, Chemquasabamticook (Ross) Lake and Long Lake.

There are literally hundreds of streams flowing into the fifty mile stretch of the Allagash from Long Pond to its mouth and also along the seventy miles of the St. John from the mouth of the Northwest Branch to the point where it joins the Allagash. Virtually all of these streams furnish as good stream fishing as can be found in the entire country.

The fact that this territory is more remote than any area in the eastern United States calls for special planning before visiting it. You may want to think seriously about hiring a guide. At the very least, you must plan on bringing with you all the supplies you will need during your stay there. There are a few sporting camps in the region, or tenting out may be done at authorized campsites within the Allagash Wilderness Waterway or under the jurisdiction of the North Maine Woods, an organization of paper company and other landowners, headquartered in Ashland. (For location, see sec. 2 of fishing map.)

3

MOUNT KATAHDIN REGION (Trout and salmon)

This magnificent region, dominated by Mount Katahdin, a wilderness peak a mile high, is one of the most ruggedly beautiful areas in the entire country.

In the region are some of the best trout waters in the United States. They are divided between larger waters that are easily reached and smaller ones that are out of the way and, for that reason, have a charm of their own.

A great part of this region is a state park given to Maine by former Governor Percival Baxter to be maintained forever in its natural state as a rendezvous for anglers and other outdoor lovers.

The following are some of the larger waters in the area: Chesuncook Lake, Sourdunhunk Lake and Stream, Kidney Pond, Daicy Pond, Millinocket Lake, Shin Pond, Togue Pond, and Katahdin Lake.

Central points in this area are easily reached over good roads. Available accommodations include several sporting camps and campgrounds in and around Baxter State Park. (For location see sec. 3 of fishing map.)

4

GRAND LAKES and SCHOODIC REGION (Salmon, trout, togue, smallmouthed bass, pickerel, white perch)

A sporting kingdom in itself, this region defies description in anything short of an entire volume. It covers Washington County.

It is a region that somewhat resembles the Moosehead Region inasmuch as part of it is easily accessible while a still greater part is composed of wild lands that are a network of lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and brooks. Much of this territory is not fished extensively as yet, although fishing throughout the region is truly magnificent. The angler who wishes to "discover" new waters will find this area to his liking.

West Grand Lake is one of the original homes of the landlocked salmon and still offers good fishing for this species, as well as for smallmouthed bass and togue. Big Lake, the lake it empties into, is one of the best smallmouthed black bass waters in the world.

Among other waters in the area are Junior Lake, Sysladobis, East and West Musquash Lakes, and a host of brooks and streams, including Grand Lake Stream located in the village of the same name.

A little to the south are the Meddybemps, Cathance Lake, Rocky Pond and numerous other lakes, ponds, brooks, rivers and streams. To the west are Niatous Lake and the Machias Lakes. To the north Spednic Lake, in the Schoodic Chain, is a 23 mile long body of water that is rated as one of the best bass lakes in existence. Eastern Grand Lake, almost as long, is famed for its splendid salmon and togue fishing. Other waters in the locality afford the most excellent fishing.

It will be repeated that the vastness of this region defies adequate description in a booklet of this type. Only by visiting the area can the sportsman get an idea of its desirability and the excellent fishing it offers.

Fine hard surfaced roads lead to this region. Accommodations are of the usual fine type found in Maine and plentifully distributed. (For location see sec. 4 of fishing map.)

5

MILO-ENFIELD-LINCOLN REGION (Salmon, trout, bass)

This region lies between the Moosehead region and the Grand Lake region.

Near Enfield, the angler will find Cold Stream Pond, one of the state's most beautiful bodies of water, and an excellent salmon and togue fishing center. A little over twenty miles away is Lake

Niatous, a fine salmon and bass lake. The region is dotted with numerous smaller ponds and many excellent streams.

From Milo, the angler is but a few miles from Schoodic Lake, a famed togue lake, Seboeis Lake, Endless Lake and other lakes and streams that afford very good trout fishing.

Good accommodations are available in the region. Roads also are good. Guides are available throughout the region. (For location see sec. 5 of fishing map.)

6

MOOSEHEAD-JACKMAN REGION (Salmon, trout and togue)

One must deal in superlatives in describing this region. Moosehead Lake, for example, is not only the largest lake in Maine but one of the largest bodies of fresh water wholly within one state in the country. It is forty miles long and twenty wide.

The whole region occupies almost as much territory as the entire state of Massachusetts. It is almost entirely salmon, trout and togue country.

Some of the more familiar waters in the far-flung area are: Brassua Lake, Long Pond, Big Wood Pond, Attean, Holeb Pond, Misery Pond, Moxie Pond, Lake Parlin, Lobster Lake, Ragged Lake, the Roach ponds, Lake Onawa, Sebec Lake, Indian Pond, Jo-Mary Lake, Seboeis Lake, and Sebasticook Lake. In addition, it contains hundreds of brooks, streams, and rivers including the Moose River and headwaters of the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers.

Excellent roads lead to the central points in this region and numerous accommodations are located in the region. (For location see sec. 6 of fishing map.)

7

BANGOR REGION (Salmon, brook trout, brown trout, togue, bass, pickerel)

On U.S. Route 1, between Bangor and Ellsworth, 28 miles away, are Phillips Lake, also known as Lucerne-in-Maine, Greene Lake, Branch Pond and Graham Lake. Grouped together, they afford excellent fishing for salmon, togue, brook trout, brown trout and pickerel.

Thirty miles from Ellsworth is Tunk Lake, and several other fine fishing waters.

On Route 9 from Bangor is Chemo Pond, Floods Pond, Beech Hill Pond, Molasses Pond, Webb Pond and numerous other smaller bodies of water affording excellent fishing for salmon, trout and bass.

On Route 15 from Bangor, in the vicinity of Bucksport, 18 miles away, is another group of excellent lakes including Toddy Pond and Lake Alamoosook, which afford excellent salmon, togue and trout fishing.

Finally, visitors to Mt. Desert Island and Acadia National Park — noted for spectacular mountain and sea scenery — will find good fishing for the common game fish species in the island's 20-odd lakes and ponds.

In fishing this region the sportsman can obtain excellent accommodations at the various lakes or in the small towns and cities in the vicinity. (For location see sec. 7 of fishing map.)

8

DEAD RIVER REGION (Trout and salmon)

Lying in the northwest corner of the state on the historical line of the march of Benedict Arnold to Quebec is to be found a perfect network of lakes and ponds joined together by numerous brooks and streams.

The altitude of many of these ponds is well over 1,500 feet above sea level and, as they are spring fed, the water is so cold that trout strike eagerly throughout the entire season. This is one reason, among many, why the region is favored by hundreds of anglers each season.

Included in the larger and better known lakes and

noted for its extremely fine black bass fishing, both smallmouth and largemouth bass. Belgrade Stream, for example, produces many two-to-five-pound bass and sometimes heavier.

Some of the most beautiful brook trout caught anywhere are taken occasionally in the Belgrades and the world's record white perch was caught in

duced to many waters so that now it affords fishing for both popular species.

A few of the waters in the region are Rangeley Lake, Cuscutic Lake, Quimby Pond, Dodge Pond, Big and Little Kennebagog Lakes, Kennebagog Stream, Loon Lake, Richardson Lake, Mooselookmeguntic and Aziscoos. In addition, there are literally scores of other lakes, ponds and streams in the area.

The average elevation of this region is 1,200 feet above sea level.

Good roads lead to the center of this region at Rangeley village. Accommodations are numerous. (For location see sec. 10 of fishing map.)

11

KENNEBEC LAKES REGION

(Bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is an interesting region that furnishes excellent bass fishing and, in the spring, good salmon and trout fishing.

In the center of the region lie Cobbosseecontee and Maranacook lakes, among Maine's best largemouth bass waters. Nearby, near Wayne, are Androscoggin and Pocasset lakes. A long chain of smaller lakes affording very fine bass fishing extends through the towns of Readfield, Fayette and Mount Vernon.

East of the Kennebec, but still a part of this general region, is a series of good fishing waters extending down to the coast. Some of these waters, well-known to the angler, are Webber Pond, Three Mile Pond, China Lake, Sheepscot Pond, Damarscott Lake, Biscay Pond, St. Georges Pond, Megunticook Lake and Pemaquid Pond. These offer a variety of bass, trout, salmon, and togue fishing.

Excellent roads and a variety of campgrounds and motels dot this area. (For location see sec. 11 of fishing map.)

12

SEBAGO LAKE, LONG LAKE and OXFORD COUNTY REGION

(Salmon, trout, smallmouthed bass, white perch)

Sebago Lake, the second largest lake in Maine, is the central point for this region that encompasses a great part of southern Maine.

Sebago is one of the best known lakes on the North American continent. It is one of the original habitats of the landlocked salmon. It is the first major body of water to free itself of ice in the spring and, as a consequence, the Maine fishing season starts here each year on the first of April. Thousands of anglers throughout the country await the word that Sebago is open, thus heralding a new fishing season.

Salmon fishing at Sebago is truly excellent during the entire spring and again in the fall. During the summer fine bass fishing is to be had. Sebago also now offers good togue fishing, thanks to a recent introduction of this deep-dwelling species by the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

What is true of Sebago is, in general, also true of the many other bodies of water that make up the region. Each holds the affections of hundreds of anglers.

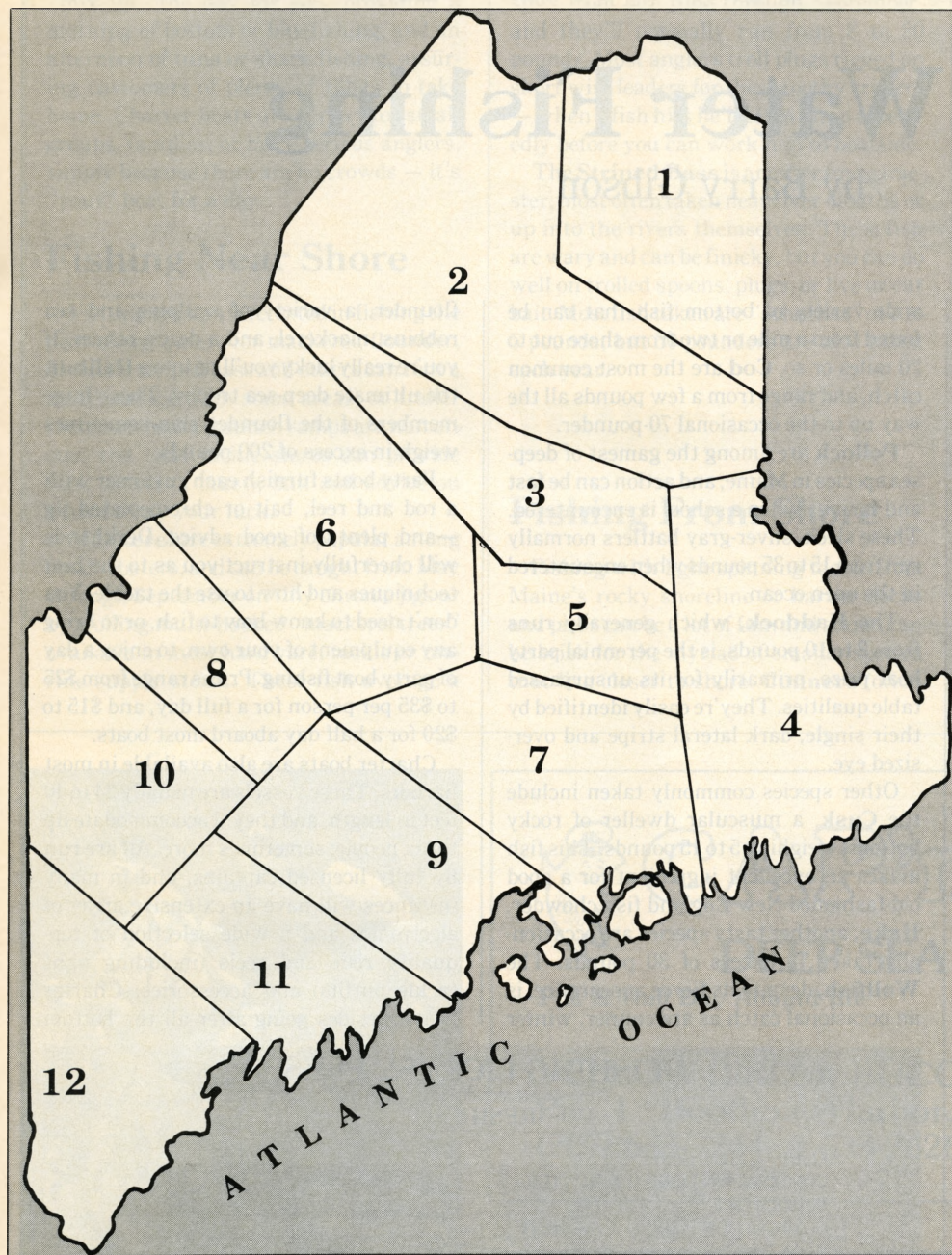
To the north, connected to Sebago by the beautiful Songo River, is Long Lake. In the same region are Brandy Pond, Highland Lake, Woods Pond, Crystal Lake, Thomas Pond, Lake Pennessewassee and Moose Pond.

A few miles to the west of Sebago are Peabody Pond and Hancock Pond. Towards the east are Panther Pond and Little Sebago.

Towards the northwest is beautiful Lake Kezar, a rare jewel of a lake, nestled in the foothills of the White Mountains.

South of Sebago, in York County, lie Bunganut, Crystal, Kennebunk, Mousam and other lakes that have a wide following among visitors to the state.

This whole region also has a network of brooks and streams that furnish good fishing. Good roads lead from one lake to another in this region which also is characterized by a wealth of accommodations for the sportsman and vacationer. (For location see sec. 12 of fishing map.) ■



ponds are Tim Pond, Chain of Ponds, Rowe Pond, Carry Pond, King and Bartlett Pond, Flagstaff Lake.

The area is reached over excellent roads. The angler or summer visitor will find accommodations in the area. (For location see sec. 8 of fishing map.)

9

BELGRADE LAKES REGION

(Black bass, salmon, trout, white perch)

This is one of the more compact areas in Maine. By that it is meant that the various lakes in the region are comparatively close to one another, making it extremely easy for the angler to go from one to the other.

In the Belgrade Chain are six lakes: North, East, Great, Long, Salmon and Messalonskee.

For many years the Belgrade region has been

Messalonskee Lake in 1949. There are salmon and other desirable gamefishes, too. The region is easy to reach and accommodations are available. (For location, see sec. 9 of fishing map.)

10

RANGELEY REGION

(Salmon and trout)

This region is as vast and as desirable as it is beautiful. It is the home of unforgettable trout and salmon fishing in sparkling lakes surrounded by forest-clad mountains; a place of such extraordinary beauty that the angler does well to attend to his fishing.

Years ago this region was noted strictly for its excellent trout fishing. Later, salmon were intro-

Salt Water Fishing

by Barry Gibson

Maine's 3,000-or-so miles of coastline offer some of the best salt water fishing in the country. The rocky shoreline, interspersed with rivers and occasional beaches, combines with the rugged sea floor to provide a perfect habitat for dozens of game and food species. The cold, clear water is arguably the cleanest in the U.S., and virtually all fish taken provide excellent table fare.

One of the reasons Maine's coastal angling is so productive is that fishing pressure is much lighter here than it is in many other states, mainly because you won't find glamour species such as marlin and sailfish. Maine's best fishing, by and large, is for "meat and potatoes" varieties, although there are plenty of top-rated gamesters prowling the waters, many of record proportions.

Opportunities for visiting anglers can be broken down into three basic categories: deep-sea fishing on party boats, fishing by private boat, or fishing from shore. No license of any kind is needed to fish salt water.

Deep-Sea Fishing

Modern, well-equipped party and charter boats can be found in almost all the major harbors along the coast. Party boats, or "head boats" as they're sometimes called, range from about 40 to 65 feet and can carry from 20 to 50 or more passengers. These vessels usually sail on a daily schedule (half- or full-day trips) from June to September, and most run additional weekend trips in spring and fall. In most cases all you need to do is call ahead and make a reservation, although sometimes you can simply show up a half-hour before sailing time and buy a ticket. All Maine skippers, however, suggest advance reservations (even if it's only a day or two ahead) so that you won't be disappointed. Weekend days can be particularly busy.

The main target for party boats is the

wide variety of bottom fish that can be found from a mile or two from shore out to 20 miles or so. **Cod** are the most common catch, and range from a few pounds all the way up to the occasional 70-pounder.

Pollock are among the gamest of deep-sea species in Maine, and action can be fast and furious when a school is encountered. These sleek, silver-gray battlers normally run from 15 to 35 pounds when encountered in the open ocean.

The **Haddock**, which generally runs from 2 to 10 pounds, is the perennial party boat prize, primarily for its unsurpassed table qualities. They're easily identified by their single, dark lateral stripe and oversized eye.

Other species commonly taken include the **Cusk**, a muscular dweller of rocky bottoms weighing 5 to 15 pounds. This fish makes an excellent ingredient for a good old-fashioned New England fish chowder.

Hake, another tasty species are occasionally taken in excess of 30 pounds. The **Wolffish**, despite its fierce appearance, is an occasional catch as are cunner, winter

flounder, a variety of sculpins and sea robbers, mackerel, and a dozen others. If you're really lucky you'll tie into a **Halibut**, the ultimate deep-sea trophy. These huge members of the flounder-clan sometimes weigh in excess of 200 pounds.

Party boats furnish each customer with a rod and reel, bait or chromeplated jig—and plenty of good advice. Deckhands will cheerfully instruct you as to the best techniques and how to use the tackle. You don't need to know how to fish, or to bring any equipment of your own, to enjoy a day of party boat fishing. Prices range from \$25 to \$35 per person for a full day, and \$15 to \$20 for a half day aboard most boats.

Charter boats are also available in most harbors. These vessels are usually 24 to 40 feet in length, and they'll accommodate up to six people; sometimes more. All are run by fully licensed captains, and in many instances will have an extensive array of electronics and a wide selection of top-quality rods and reels (including light tackle outfits) and accessories. Charter boats, besides going after all the bottom

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fish, also frequently pursue **giant tuna** (to 1,000 lbs.), **sharks**, **bluefish** and other game species that party boats aren't equipped to handle. Many times the skipper will "mix up" the day for you, providing a morning of bottom or bluefishing, and an afternoon of tuna or shark fishing, assuring customers of plenty of fillets to take home. Charter boats are perfect for small groups, families, or more serious anglers, simply because there are no crowds — it's "your" boat for a day.

Fishing Near Shore

Visiting anglers interested in fishing the near-shore waters for mackerel, flounder, bluefish, striped bass and others can rent a small outboard (in some areas) or trailer their own boats. Launch ramps are numerous, and local tackle stores can provide fuel, charts (a must), bait and advice on where to try your luck.

Mackerel are extremely popular among small-boaters, and can be caught from May through September on tiny chrome jigs or by trolling multi-hooked "mackerel trees" available in most hardware, tackle or marine supply stores. These fish average a

pound or so in weight, are scrappy fighters, and are delicious when split and pan-fried, or grilled over an open fire.

Bluefish are one of Maine's true gamesters from late June through September, and they'll normally run from 8 to 20 pounds. Most anglers troll plugs rigged on short wire leaders for these toothy critters — when a fish hits he'll often jump repeatedly before you can work him to boatside.

The **Striped Bass** is another fine gamester, most often taken near river mouths or up into the rivers themselves. These fish are wary and can be finicky, but you can do well on trolled spoons, plugs, or live or cut bait. Most fish taken are "schoolies" of 2 to 5 pounds, but 50-pounders are also taken each year.

Fishing From Shore

Fishing with light spinning tackle from Maine's rocky shoreline or harbor docks and piers can be a lot of fun, and action can be brisk for the myriad of smaller species that live closer to shore. **Cunners** (often

called bergalls) up to a pound or so are commonly taken, and if you take the time to clean them and remove all the small bones you'll find that their flesh is sweet.

Harbor Pollock (the young of the open-ocean adults) are feisty fighters and easy to catch, but they're not very good eating so it's best to release them unharmed. Flounders, sculpins, small "tinker" mackerel and others oblige anglers of all ages. The best rig is a small hook tied 6" above a light sinker and baited with a piece of seaworm or clam, although the meat of a periwinkle or mussel will often do as well.

Surf fishing from the beaches is popular along the southern third of the state's coastline, and some good catches are made. Striped bass are most sought after, and the majority of the big ones (over 20 pounds) are taken at night on live eels or chunks of fresh mackerel or pogy (menhaden). Bluefish muscle in on the act, often in daytime, and can be taken on plugs or lures as well as bait. Bring a pair of waders and a rugged surfcasting outfit from 9 to 12 feet loaded with 20- or 30-pound line. Local tackle shops can supply bait, equipment and up-to-the-minute information on current "hot spots."



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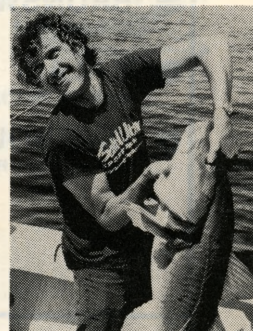
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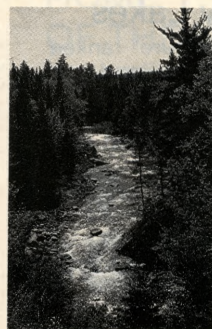


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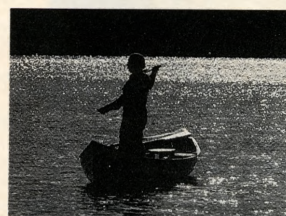
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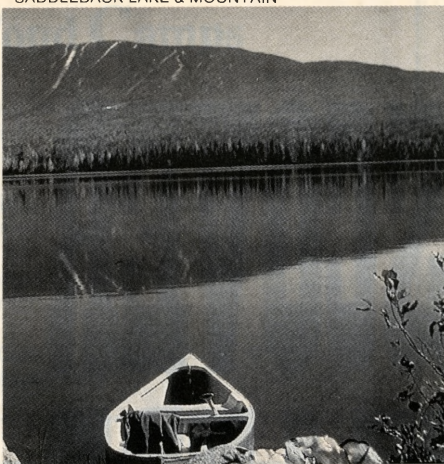
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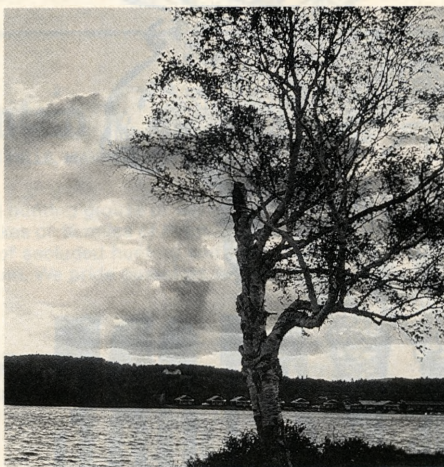
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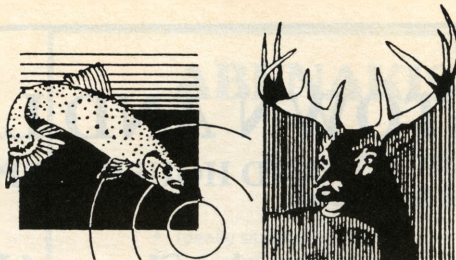
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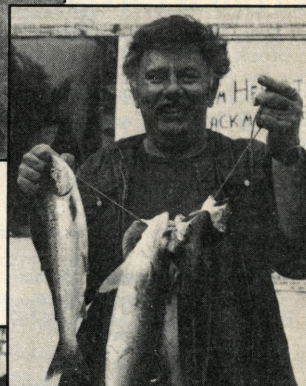
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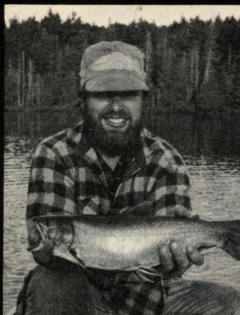


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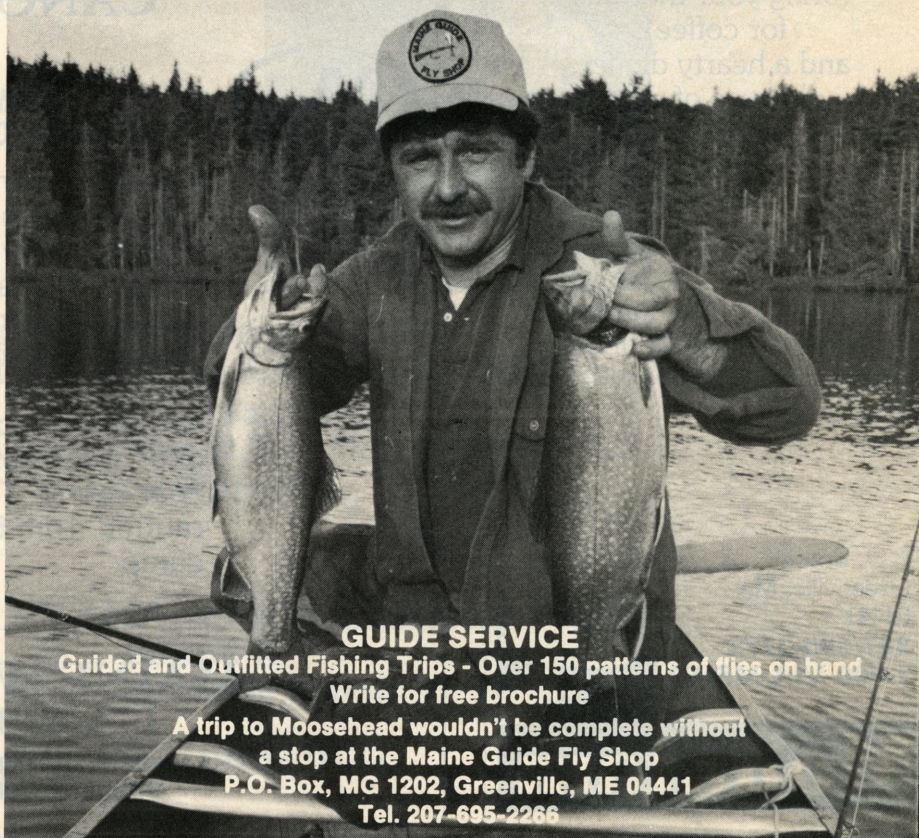
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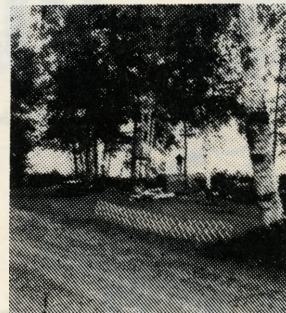
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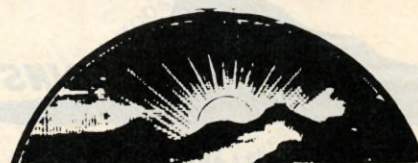
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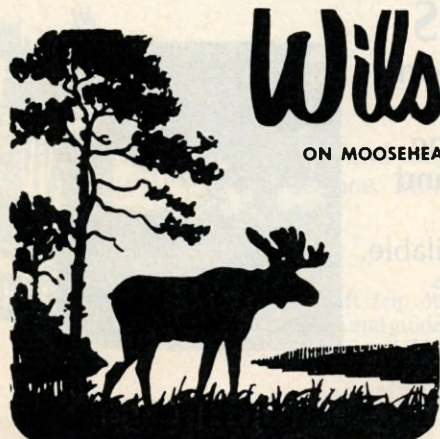
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